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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 198. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, June 30, 1863.

I.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Beaufort, South Carolina, November 26, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 41, dated November 5, 1862; No. 48, dated November 20, 1862; and No. 50, dated November 22, 1862, Headquarters United States Forces, Port Royal Island, South Carolina, and of which Captain J. P. S. GOBIN, 47th Pennsylvania Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Lieutenant *John O'Neill*, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

CHARGE.—“Leaving confinement before being set at liberty by his Commanding Officer.”

*Specification*—“In this; that 1st Lieutenant *John O'Neill*, Company ‘C,’ 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, after being ordered into close arrest by his Regimental Commander, did, without being set at liberty, leave his confinement. All this at Beaufort, South Carolina, on or about the 18th day of November, 1862.”

To which charge and specification the accused, 1st Lieutenant *John O'Neill*, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers, pleaded “Not Guilty.”

#### FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, 1st Lieutenant *John O'Neill*, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, “Guilty.”

Of the CHARGE, “Guilty.”

#### SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, 1st Lieutenant *John O'Neill*, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers, “To be cashiered.”

II..The proceedings in the above case were approved by the General Commanding the Department, and, on the recommendation of the Court, the sentence was remitted by him. Such remission being inoperative under the 89th Article of War, the case has been submitted to the President, and he directs that the sentence against Lieutenant *O'Neill* be remitted. He will be released from arrest and restored to duty.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*